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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND  
FOR THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS

The importation of dogs and cats into the State from places abroad (other than Great Britain, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man) is prohibited except under license granted by the Department of Agriculture. The animal must be consigned by air as manifested freight for entry at one of the approved ports of entry viz. Dublin, Cork, or Shannon Airports. Animals landed at Cork or Shannon must be transhipped by air to Dublin. The licence must accompany the animal in transit and be presented to the proper officer of Customs and Excise at the airport of landing. If the license is not available the landing of the animal will not be permitted and accordingly dogs or cats from abroad should not be sent to this country until the necessary import licence has been obtained.

Any dog or cat imported under license must undergo at least 6 months detention and isolation at an approved quarantine premises after landing and during that test period is subjected to two anti-rabies vaccinations. No exceptions to these rules are permitted. An outbreak or suspected outbreak of serious animal disease in the quarantine premises may necessitate the prolongation of the quarantine period.

When landed the animal must be conveyed in a nose and paw proof container direct to the approved quarantine premises by the approved carriers, viz:-

Coras Iompair Eireann, Road Freight Section  
North Wall, Dublin 1.  
Phone: Dublin 01(746891)

The approved quarantine premises is:-

Lissenhall Quarantine Kennels and Cattery,  
Lissenhall, Swords, Co Dublin. Phone: Dublin 01(401776)

Application for an import licence should be made on the enclosed Form A and should be accompanied by a completed Form B {Declaration by Owner and Health Certificate}.

Before making application, the owner of the animal should ensure that accommodation at the quarantine premises is available and that the carrying agents will arrange for the transport of the animal from Dublin Airport to the quarantine premises. The licence cannot be granted until an assurance in writing is received in this Department from both the Veterinary Surgeon in charge of the quarantine premises and Coras Iompair Eireann that the necessary arrangements have been made.

When the license is granted, the owner of the animal should notify Coras Iompair Eireann of the time of arrival of the animal at Dublin Airport. He should also supply the veterinary surgeon at the quarantine premises with an address at which communications about the animal will be received while it is undergoing detention.

The quarantine and vaccination fees are matters for settlement between the owner of the animal and the veterinary surgeon in charge of the premises. The Department will not be responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with the landing, transport, or detention of the animal or for any injury to or illness which may befall the animal.

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION (FORM A) AND DECLARATION BY OWNER AND HEALTH CERTIFICATE (FORM B) SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION) AGRICULTURE HOUSE, KILDARE STREET,  
DUBLIN 2.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DUBLIN  
IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS ORDERS 1929-1970  
APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO LAND A DOG OR CAT FOR DETENTION  
ON THE PREMISES OF A VETERINARY SURGEON

FORM A

1. Description of animal (in full)

(a) Breed \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Name \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Sex \_\_\_\_\_ (d) Age \_\_\_\_\_

(e) Full description, stating color and distinctive marks

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2. Where located at date of this application .....

3. Airport of shipment .....

4. Name and permanent Irish address of owner .....

5. Airport of landing .....

Note: If landed at Cork or Shannon Airports the animal must be transhipped  
by air to Dublin

6. Approximate date of landing in Ireland .....

7. Name and full address of the person to whom the licence, if granted, is to be  
sent .....

8. Have you made arrangements with (a) the owner of the quarantine premises for the  
accommodation of the animal for the 6 month period (a) .....

and (b) the approved carrying agents for the conveyance of the animal to the  
quarantine premises (b) .....

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO A LICENSE, IF GRANTED

1. The animal must be landed within the period specified in the licence, and only if  
separately confined in a suitable hamper, crate, box, or other receptacle, which must  
be nose and paw proof and must not contain any hay, straw, or peat moss litter.

2. The animal must be consigned as manifested freight and landed at one of the  
approved airports of entry viz. Dublin, Cork, or Shannon Airports, but  
animals landed at Cork or Shannon must be transhipped by air to Dublin.

3. The animal shall be moved from Dublin Airport by Coras Iompair Eireann to the  
place of detention specified in the licence.

4. The animal shall not be removed from the receptacle pending arrival at the place  
of detention or be allowed to pass into the custody of the owner.

5. Prior to the landing of the animal, the person in charge must produce the license  
to the proper Officer of Customs and Excise, and also at any time on

demand for inspection by an officer of the Department or a member of the Garda Siochana.

6. All quarantine and vaccination costs shall be borne by the owner.

I, the undersigned, having received the Department of Agriculture Requirements (dated June 1989) apply for a licence to land the dog or cat referred to in this application. I declare that the animal is my property. I declare also that to the best of my knowledge and belief all the particulars given are correct, and I understand the conditions under which the licence may be granted and I undertake they will be observed.

(Signature) .....

(Address) .....

..... Date: ..... 19 .....

THE COMPLETED FORMS A & B SHOULD BE SENT TO:

THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (VETERINARY SECTION), AGRICULTURE HOUSE, KILDARE STREET, DUBLIN 2.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
IMPORTATION OF CATS AND DOGS

Form B

Declaration by Owner

(To be made before a Magistrate, Notary Public, or Commissioner for Oaths) I,  
.....  
(name in full

of .....  
(Address)

being the owner of the animal(s) described in the schedule hereunder, do  
solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the  
said animal has not/have not within the past 6 months been in direct/ indirect  
contact with any animal affected with any disease.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be  
true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Owner)

Declared and Subscribed before me at ..... this .....  
day of ..... 19.....

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Magistrate/Notary Public/  
Commissioner for Oaths)

Schedule (all columns must be completed)

Number, Kind and Breed	Sex	Age	Description, including color	Name and Address of Consignee
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I, ..... of.....  
being a duly qualified veterinarian, hereby certify that I have examined the  
animal referred to in the foregoing declaration and find it/them to be in good  
health and free from all infectious and contagious diseases and further, that  
having made due inquiry in respect of the said declaration, I have no reason to  
doubt its correctness

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)